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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed October 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 18 has been cancelled.

The claims have been amended to read as follows:

C1
16. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the layer of first material makes an electrical contact with a device on the wafer.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 22 wherein the first lower level lies above the wafer upper level.

C2
20. (Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the planarized layer of first material has a thickness over the wafer upper layer, and